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Oh, no! What have I done?

Louise Allington (Velma Hudson) dissolves into tears when she realizes that she may have indeed blown husband Aubrey (Shaun Sheplawy) to bits in their attempt to fake his demise and make her his heiress in Elk Point Community Choir's dinner theatre presentation of 'Tons of Money'. Story, Page 5

Spring election is called for April 16

First time election for new constituencies created by re-drawing boundary lines

JANICE HUSER
 Review Contributor

Albertans will head to the polls April 16. Premier Rachel Notley announced the spring election date while in Calgary on March 12.

At the time of the announcement, the New Democratic Party held a majority of seats in the legislature with 52 seats, as compared to 25 held by the United Conservative Party, three by the Alberta Party, three Independents, and one each for the Alberta Liberals, Freedom Conservative Party, and Progressive Conservatives, along with one vacant seat.

Following the redrawing of boundary line, the 2019 election will signify the first time a Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency exists. The town of St. Paul as well as Saddle Lake, Elk Point, Kehewin, Frog Lake, and Fishing Lake fall into the new electoral division.

To the north, Goodfish (Whitefish) Lake is now part of the Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche riding, while St. Vincent, Mallaig, Boscombe, Owlseye, St. Lina, Ashmont, Spedden, and Vilna are all in the Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock constituency.

To the south, Two Hills, Brousseau, Duvernay, Myrnam, and Derwent are all in the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency.

The Elections Alberta website (elections.ab.ca) does have more detailed information for voters who are unsure which riding they are part of.

Incumbent UCP David Hanson decided a while back he would run in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul area, following the redrawing of boundary lines. As of late last week, Hanson said his team had "hit the ground running."

He said they had distributed about 300 lawn signs, and the biggest issue he had been hearing about was the economy.

Glenn Andersen, a former mayor of the Town of St. Paul, has thrown his name into the race and is running as a candidate with the Alberta Party.

"I think it's going to be an interesting election," said Andersen. He noted that the key issues coming into play seem to be the economy and health care.

"People are pretty passionate about the oil field in this constituency," said Andersen.

Kari Whan is a teacher in Cold Lake, and she is the NDP's candidate for the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St.

Paul area.

"I am inspired by the support and enthusiasm my campaign is receiving," said Whan, via email with the Journal, Friday. "It is evident that people in this area care about future generations, public education, health-care, infrastructure, jobs, and getting fair value for our natural resources."

The last candidate in the area, as of Friday afternoon, is Kacey Daniels, who is running as an independent. Daniels says he's a separatist but hasn't aligned himself with any party because he doesn't believe they are being aggressive enough in their efforts.

Daniels notes he filed his papers on Thursday, and hasn't had time to get out into the community, yet, but says he's going to do what he can, as he continues to run his business, Glendon Tire.

Candidates running in the St. Paul Journal's readership area, as of March 25, include:

Cold Lake - St. Paul

Incumbent - Dave Hanson (UCP)
 Glenn Andersen (Alberta Party)
 Kari Whan (NDP)
 Kacey Daniels (Independent)

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS - The Elk Point Review crew, office manager and advertising sales person Melanie McRae, editor Vicki Brooker and sports reporter Doug Bassett celebrated 35 years of publication last Thursday, when publisher Clare Gauvreau joined them for lunch and the public was invited to join the staff for coffee and doughnuts throughout the day. In the background are some of the awards the Review has received from both the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association and the Canadian Community Newspapers Association over the years. The first issue of the Elk Point Review following its purchase by the St. Paul Journal was printed on March 21, 1984. It and the Journal are now part of the Great West Newspapers chain.

Fentanyl presentation tomorrow

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A guest speaker from RCMP's "K" Division, Cpl. Brad McIntosh will be in St. Paul to give a presentation about Fentanyl on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the County of St. Paul building's basement meeting room at 5015-49 Ave., which is reached via the back door. Everyone is welcome.

Cpl. McIntosh works for the RCMP clandestine lab enforcement team in Edmonton, said Fentanyl is an opioid 100 times more potent than heroin. Carfentanil, 100 times more powerful than fentanyl, is used as a tranquil-

lizer for large animals.

"It's lethal to anybody who comes in contact with this inadvertently and doesn't have the proper personal protective equipment," McIntosh said in a recent interview.

Alberta Health statistics show that in the fourth quarter of 2018, there were 159 apparent accidental poisoning deaths related to fentanyl in Alberta. By comparison, there were 180 of these deaths in the third quarter of 2018.

In the third quarter of 2018, there were 2,930 emergency and urgent care visits in Alberta related to harm associated with opioids and other drug use.

Election

(Continued from Front Page)

Athabasca - Westlock

Wayne Rufiage (Alberta Party) *Not yet on Elections Alberta website

Therese Taschuk (NDP)

Glenn van Dijken (UCP)

Buster Malcolm (Alberta Independence Party)

Brad Giroux (Independent) *Not yet

on Elections Alberta website

Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville

Incumbent - Jessica Littlewood (NDP)

Marvin Olsen (Alberta Party)

Jackie Armstrong Homeniuk (UCP)

Rebecca Trotter (Green Party of Alberta)

Malcolm Stinson (Freedom Conservative Party) *Not yet on elections Alberta website

Shane Ladouceur (Alberta Independence Party)

Fort McMurray - Lac La Biche

Laila Goodridge (UCP)

Jane Stroud (NDP)

Brian Deheer (Green Party) *not yet on Elections Alberta website

Mark Grinder (Alberta Independence Party)

Nominations are open until March 29 at 2 p.m., according to returning officer for the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency Wayne Warner, which means more candidates could join the race.

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Issues with canola trade could be felt at home

JANICE HUSER
Journal Staff

For the past month, canola seed exporters have been reporting that Chinese importers are unwilling to purchase Canadian canola seed, at this time. And the issue could potentially have an affect on local farmers.

While the local St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association doesn't do a lot of marketing with canola, general manager Ron Wirsta says that in "talking to some local producers, this could affect them very hard as a few of them still have a large quantity of 2018 canola in the bin and (they) were expecting to contract over summer."

Wirsta adds that "market uncertainty will make producers very frustrated if the market crashes some more into early next week. It can even lead into altering canola seeding intention for the upcoming year."

Earlier in the month, the Canola Council of Canada (CCC) provided an update on market access challenges affecting all canola seed exports to China.

"While there was some initial optimism that Chinese concerns with canola trade could be resolved quickly, technical discussions to date have not indicated an immediate resolution is possible. Canola seed exporters report that Chinese importers are unwilling to purchase Canadian canola seed at this time," reads a media release from the CCC.

"We're disappointed that differing viewpoints cannot be resolved quickly," said Jim Everson, president of the CCC, in the media release. "Under the circumstances, Canadian canola seed exporters who normally ship to China have no alternative but to supply customers in other countries who value high quality Canadian canola."

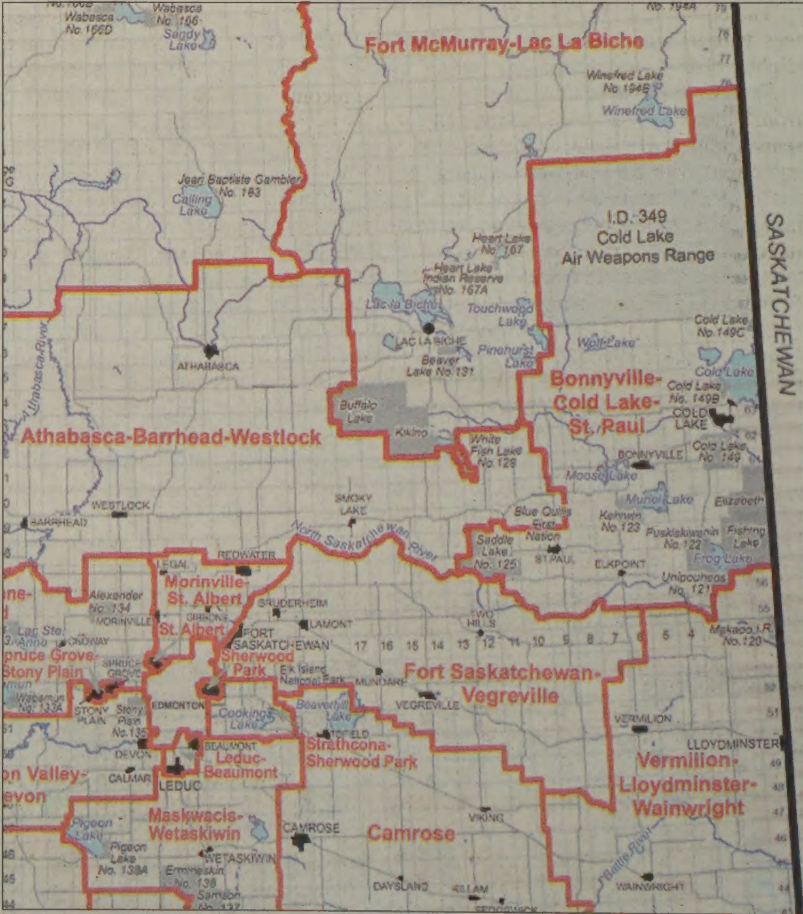
China has been a major market for Canadian canola, accounting for approximately 40 per cent of all canola seed, oil and meal exports, according to the CCC. Canola seed exports to China were worth \$2.7 billion in 2018.

"Canadian ministers and government officials have responded quickly to Chinese concerns, however, technical discussions are unlikely to lead to an immediate resolution," said Everson. "We urge the Government of Canada to continue to intensify efforts to resolve the situation."

According to information given during a news briefing, and posted on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, spokesperson Lu Kang said, "Recently, the Chinese customs has intercepted quarantine hazardous organisms in imported Canadian canola on numerous occasions, which will severely endanger agricultural production and ecological security once introduced into China. In order to prevent the spread of these organisms at source, the GAC has since March 1, 2019 suspended the canola imports from a Canadian company repeatedly found to have the above-mentioned problems. As far as I know, the GAC has already notified the Canadian side of the relevant situation."

The comments were made during a March 11, 2019, media conference.

"I shall stress that it is the Chinese government's responsibility to protect the safety and interests of the Chinese consumers and the agricultural production and ecological security of the nation. The above-mentioned measures taken by the Chinese customs are for the sake of quarantine safety and prevention. They are scientific and reasonable and fully conform to relevant Chinese laws and regulations as well as international practice," said Lu Kang.



NEW BOUNDARIES - The re-drawn electoral boundaries, which became effective last week, create new constituencies for the April 16, 2019 election.

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EDITORIAL

This one's for Jim

Provincial minor hockey finals, for better or worse, are over for the year, along with Pond Hockey, but there's one more tournament yet to hit our local ice this weekend.

It's eight years this week since the puck dropped on the First Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament, honoring the memory of Elk Point Minor Hockey coach and former player Jim Vinge, who passed away suddenly the previous October.

Vinge also played for the St. Paul Junior B Canadiens, the Elk Point Elks and in recreational hockey during his 30-plus years in the sport he loved best.

He passed on that love of the sport to his and wife Leanne's three children, Brayden, Kelsey and Hayley, who were all involved in hockey, as well as to the many young players he coached over the years.

That first tournament was a major success, and included a supper and a silent auction, and while some of those that have followed have seen smaller crowds to cheer on the five teams in the round robin event and the supper has been replaced by a social evening, many of those who come to play have been here each year. They include former teammates, friends or young men Vinge coached in the past, who come to honor his memory.

Each year, the money the tournament has raised goes to worthwhile causes, from helping to keep the A. G. Ross Arena going to support for the Alberta Heart and Stroke Association. The total raised may have varied through the years, but the tournament has helped to keep the memory of this dedicated coach and player alive.

Those who keep it going each year, from the organizing crew led by Jim's son Brayden, to the teams that take part, the fans that come to cheer them on and the volunteers who take on the booth shifts, are all a part of its continuing success.

Without a doubt, Jim would tell them all, "You're the best!"

YOUR VIEWS

Thirty-five years of Crusaders in the news

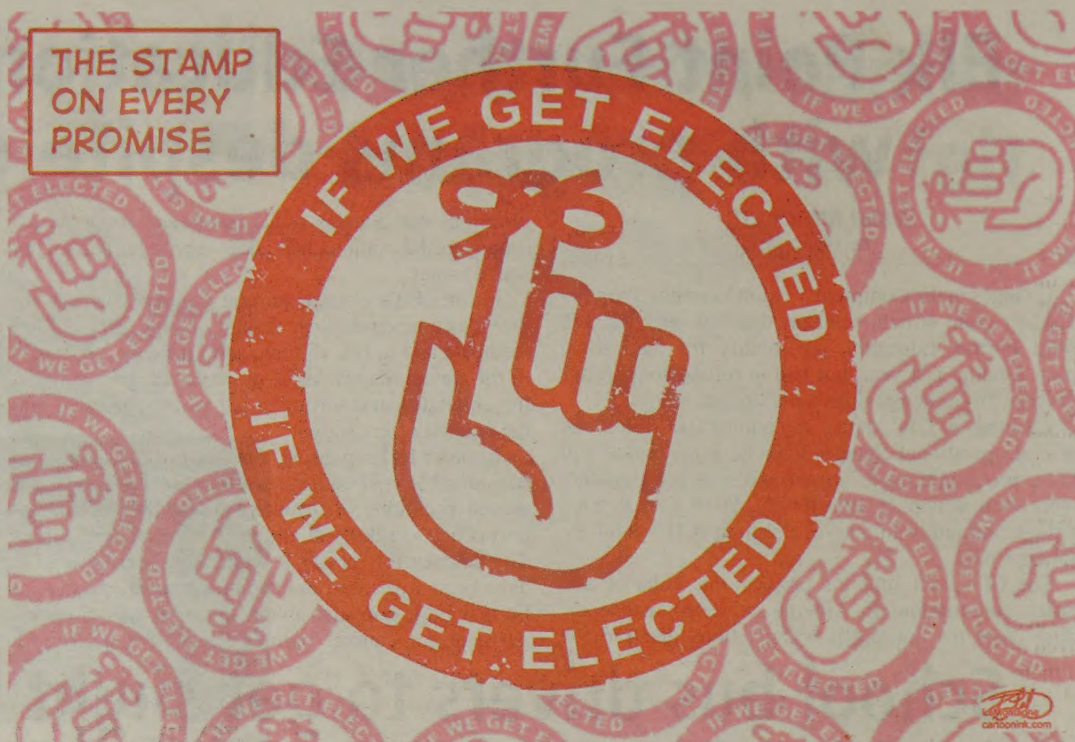
To the Editor:

The Crusaders would like to congratulate the Review on 35 years of reporting news in our community at large and especially our Crusader community. We would like to thank and congratulate Mrs. Vicki Brooker on the paper's milestone and for ALL the coverage she has given F. G. Miller High School over the years. It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown!

Thanks to the Review's dedication to our school, we have 35 years of archived news articles in our collection and it's great to look back at the amazing things that have happened to our Crusader students and staff! Stop by some time and check it out!

Denise Bjorkman
F. G. Miller High School

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Way Back When...

Closest race, Cinderella truth, Bensmiller face-off, country style

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 IN...

1989

Incumbent MLA John Drobot retained his legislative seat in what he called "the closest race in my political history," with a 625-vote lead over closest opponent, Liberal Paul Langevin. Drobot shared the honours with sponsor Eric Gadwa of dropping the ceremonial pucks at the opening ceremonies of the Pee wee 'C' Hockey Provincials, hosted by the Kehew Construction Golden Eagles, where the Eckville Eagles and the Picture Butte Hawks took home the gold and silver medals respectively.

1994

Elk Point and District Choral Society told "The Truth About Cinderella," explaining how the heroine came to be such a downtrodden drudge, in the first place, in a dinner theatre presentation starring Denise Adkins and Don Bury as Cinderella and her prince. Elk Point's Youth Talent Quest was a big success, with Dana Marie Peregrin of Blackfoot placing first and Clayton Bellamy of Bonnyville second, with Brett Baynton of Lloydminster and Travis Pankiw of Elk Point receiving honourable mentions.

1999

Eight Bantam 'C' teams competed in the Bantam 'C' Provincials, Mayor Ed Buck dropping the ceremonial puck for the face-off between Kurt Bensmiller of the Elk Point - Dewberry Colts and Daryl Anderson of the Onoway Mavericks, who would win gold later in the weekend. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce revived its economic development committee, Glenn Harms, Russ Hebblethwaite and Sherry Oszust on the committee with president John Yettaw and a town council appointee from town council.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

2004

Elk Point skaters went country style at their annual ice carnival, the arena decorated with oil derricks, wagon wheels, hay bales and an oil company pickup and performers dressed as scarecrows, farmhands, oil rig workers and even pigs, chicks and sheep. The Canada Day Committee reconfigured their parade route after plans to shorten it, bypassing the Healthcare Centre, Heritage Lodge, Buckingham House and Fort George Manor brought letters of protest.

2009

Nine teams of girls ruled the day at the F. G. Miller High School science fair, where close to 50 groups of young scientists created displays ranging from a lemon-powered light bulb to a Rube Goldberg-like multi-function machine. Elk Point Minor Hockey wound up their season with their awards banquet, where Pee wee Avalanche coach Dave Nazarchuk presented the Alex Kurash Memorial Trophy to Brandon Garrett.

2014

Students, staff and parent council members at F. G. Miller High School continued their efforts to "Slam the Door on Bullying" with an energetic and entertaining flash mob with some Elk Point Elementary students getting in on the fun as they performed an well-choreographed dance, a basketball routine and the Wave..



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'Tons of Money' another annual success

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The cast of 'Tons of Money' took their final bows on Saturday evening, after another successful run of four dinner theatre performances for Elk Point Community Choir and Friends.

The show was a newer and somewhat revised version of the group's 2007 hit, and this time starred Shaun Sheplaw and Velma Hudson as inventor Aubrey Allington and his wife Louise, whose comfortable lifestyle, which also included dealing with a dotty live-in aunt (Kiera Burke), was becoming increasingly less comfortable as bills piled up and the blasting powder Aubrey had invented had not yet hit the market.

When solicitor James Chesterman, played by James Lajimodiere, arrived to tell them that Aubrey's faraway brother had passed on, it seemed like more of a joyous occasion than a sad one, at least until they remembered that all that lovely money would have to go to their creditors. That is, it would if Aubrey was still alive, because if he weren't, it would go to his cousin George, who might still be alive, although rumored to have perished in a Mexican gunfight. And if George was really dead, and Aubrey was to die, Louise would inherit 'tons of money' with no strings attached.

It was something to think about, and

think, Aubrey did, snapping his fingers to say he had an idea, and blasting powder to carry it out. He would be blown up, or so it would seem, in his workshop at exactly 12 noon, when Louise went to the speaking tube to call him to lunch. It was a plan that would have worked just fine if the butler (Kendall Snyder) hadn't decided the clock was slow and moved it ahead a few minutes. Louise blew down the tube, and blew up the workshop... with Aubrey escaping with his life, but torn and tattered, to sneak in while the butler, maid (Mabel Gottenbos) and gardener (Patrick Lavoie) were checking out the blast, and tell his wife he was ready to hide out until the coast was clear, and then come back as Cousin George.

That could have worked, but for a few strange coincidences. Louise's friend Jean (Barb Maile) came to comfort the grieving widow, and when she learned that the presumed-dead George Maitland was indeed alive and had called to say he was coming to claim his fortune, told Louise that George was her long-lost husband.

But which George was it? Was it the first one to arrive, in serape and sombrero, the slightly shabby second one (Terry Stark), or the well-dressed third one (Trevor Heal)? Jean assured

every one of the three that she "would know that voice anywhere", so she was no help.

The first arrival, Aubrey in disguise, soon switched his attire for a monk's robe, the second one was a brother of the butler, who had secretly read the will, and decided to get in on the game, while the third... well, he turned out to be the real George, but at least had found his long lost wife as compensation when the solicitor reappeared to tell

Louise and Aubrey, who claimed he'd been wandering around with no memory of the explosion or who he was, that the will had been dealt with and after death duties and taxes, there was only a handful of change left of the inheritance.

Back to the inventor's drawing board for Aubrey, who now needed to come up with another get-rich-quick scheme to keep the Allington household afloat and appease all those creditors waiting in line for payment!



BAD TIMING - A torn and tattered Aubrey asks his grieving wife Louise why she didn't wait for noon before setting off the workshop explosion.



THE BUTLER DID IT - Sprules tells maid Simpson of his plans.



COUSIN GEORGE? Can this be the real long-lost George Maitland? Louise's friend Jean certainly thought so, and was so shocked to see her 'missing husband' that she fainted.



ANOTHER GEORGE? Louise is wary but welcoming to George #2.



THE REAL COUSIN GEORGE, reunited with wife Jean, back-from-the-dead Aubrey and Louise hear the solicitor's report that duties and taxes have diminished the inheritance to small change. Aunt just keeps on knitting.



...AND THE GARDENER, Giles, had his doubts about those other Georges all along!

Vicki Brooker photos

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School board

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He explained that parents have to be informed and policies must be changed if a school decides to ban cell phones in classrooms.

Keith Gamblin, principal of New Myrnam School, was in attendance at the March 13 board meeting and said his school is in the process of reviewing the issue.

Ashmont School

The official grand opening for the new Ashmont School has yet to be held. As the spring thaw begins to happen, the issue was brought back to SPERD board members, last week.

Some concerns around the amount of mud in the spring, and outside work still taking place, were brought up during discussions, said Starosielski. Regardless, some school staff members are hoping for a spring grand opening.

Starosielski said she would support whatever the school wants, and is still waiting to hear from others at the school.

ASBA funding

The Alberta School Boards Association sent out a media release in early March, urging the provincial government to address "chronic under-funding experienced by school boards."

The issue was brought forward during the March 13 SPERD meeting, with board chair Heather Starosielski saying, "it's fair to say every student deserves the best," and that she believes in equity for all students.

Starosielski also noted that the funding formula needs to be addressed for rural school boards, especially considering decreased enrolment, and the fact that supports still need to be in place for all students.

Calendar

Following a handful of drafts, SPERD has approved its 2019-20 school calendar. Because more students are writing during the April dates for provincial exams, the division bumped up spring break, so that it begins on March 23 and does not coincide with exam dates.

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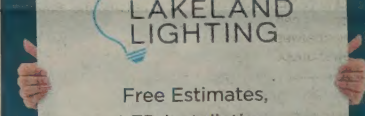
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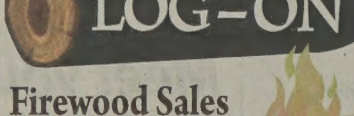
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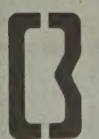
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On March 21, 2019 Mr. Albert Kalynchuk of Elk Point passed away suddenly at the age of 71 years. He is survived by his son, Derek (Allura); 7 brothers, John (Gloria), Alex (Phyllis), Nick (Janna), Ronald, Jerry (Elaine), Ernest (Denise) & Ricky (Joanne); 5 sisters, Alice Pankiw, Margaret Petruniak, Helen (Guy) Mahe; Esther (Cliff) Martin & Linda (Gary) Letkieman; numerous nieces & nephews. Mr. Kalynchuk was predeceased by his parents, Nicholas & Mary Kalynchuk; brother, Fred; & brother-in-law, Walter Pankiw. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. at Allied Arts & Leisure Centre, Elk Point, with interment in Willow Range Cemetery, Elk Point. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Gallant effort, but no Provincials medals for Midget Avalanche

The drive home is always shorter if you win! The Midget Avalanche put up a gallant effort this past weekend at the Midget B Provincial finals in Calgary, but failed to make it into the finals or semi finals.

The weekend started off great on Thursday night during the skills competition our very own team captain Nick 'Sparky' Anderson was the only one out of nine other team captains to hit the net from the far blue line.



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The next morning, Friday at 9 a.m., the Avalanche played their very first game, defeating Edmonton SEERA 5 to 2. 'Sparky' with a goal and two assists, 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage, Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow and 'Hank the Tank' Rogal with the other goals, Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal with an assist, 'King Cole' Bendixen with a helper as well. A half page of penalties on both sides of the sheet, the Avalanche cashing in on the power play, but did well and never allowed a goal while short handed. Goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maaron was solid between the pipes, facing 29 shots.

In the second game at 4 p.m. on the same day, the Avalanche rolled over the eventual Silver Medal winners, La Crete Lumberjacks 6 to 1. A fantastic game for the team captain 'Sparky' Anderson who scored a hat trick, including one short handed, and assisted on two others. Another goal each for the 'Cowboy' and 'Lightning Liam' His big brother, the bruising blue liner Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludage finding the mesh with one too, as well as adding an assist. 'King Cole' and Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maaron with one assist each. Not near as many penalties in this game, possibly a different referee who may allow them a little more liberties or just a clean game.

Two wins to end the day on Friday had the Avalanche looking like they will make the semi at this point with no problem.

The next morning it was a whole different story though, against the strong team from Airdrie, who had a full bench of bigger players and took it to our guys 7 to 2. The Avalanche taking quite a few penalties, Airdrie scoring two goals on the power play and one while short handed. 'Sparky' and 'King Cole' with the goals for the Avalanche, brother 'Lightning Liam' and 'Hot Wheels' with two assists each. The final round robin game was at 4:30 that day against the host team from Springbank, Calgary. The Avalanche with a win would be guaranteed in the semi finals for sure. Not a



ELK POINT MIDGET AVALANCHE had two big wins to their credit this weekend, including a 6-1 defeat of the Provincial silver medalists from LaCrete. Calgary's Glenlake Hawks would win the gold in Sunday's final.

Photo submitted

great start for the Avalanche, though. Down by three goals in the first period and then down 5 to 0 after 40 minutes, the coaches would rally the troops and add two in the third, the final score 5 to 2 for the host. Evan 'Batman' Ockerman and 'Sparky' scored unassisted goals in that final game.

At this point in the tournament, three teams were tied with two wins each. The Avalanche, with the best goals for and against average, would still be in the semi final on Sunday if Airdrie defeated LaCrete in the last game of the day. Don't need to ask who the Avalanche would be cheering for, Airdrie of course. Airdrie with three wins, didn't need to win to get in. Fate wasn't in the hands of the Avalanche though, LeCrete defeated Airdrie and the Avalanche were packing up their bags and heading north, not making any excuses, but with lots of what ifs. What if they had a full 17 skaters like some of the teams, instead of 12 or 13. What if this was an eight team tournament instead of a 10 team tournament? One less round robin game. What if the Avalanche had a better draw, played one game Thursday like some of the teams, instead of two games Friday and two Saturday? Would that make the difference? Or were the B provincial teams just that much better than a C or D provincial tournament? The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind, the answer

is blowing in the wind!!

And at the end of the day, our guys still made us very proud. Some of them were playing in their very last minor hockey games. Tears for sure for team captain 'Sparky' Anderson, Dusty Pankiw, Hayden Ludlage, Chase Dorey and Tyler Jamieson. Thanks, guys, for all the great memories and highlights. Good luck in all your future endeavors whatever they may be.

In out of town action this past weekend, Camrose product, novice aged defenceman, Bode 'the Badger' Bassett going coast to coast, scored the game winning goal and was named the game MVP in the B final of a tournament held in Edmonton. Wonder whose grandson that is?

This coming weekend the annual Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament will be on Friday through Sunday. Guess I better get my skates sharpened!

And with the kids on spring break this coming week, the arena will be open every afternoon for public skating and shinny. And if their bored and burned out from hockey, the snow was great this past Sunday at Kinosoo Ridge in Cold Lake. Take the kids up there for the day.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Hockey players wear numbers because you can't always identify the body with the dental records." Author unknown.

Chuckwagon season coming soon

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Cheer up, chuckwagon fans, just two months and three days until, as the late Joe Carbury used to say, "And they're off!" The World Professional Chuckwagon Association (WPCA) starts their 2019 season at the Grande Prairie Stompe on Wednesday, May 29, with the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association (CPCA) hitting the track in North Battleford two days later, on Friday, May 31.

The CPCA has nine shows this year, while the WPCA has eight, plus both associations will be well represented at the Calgary Stampede, July 5 to 14.

The Calgary Stampede Rangeland Derby tarp auction was held last week, with the total amount bid for the sponsorship of the 36 wagons adding up to \$3,288,500, up by a surprising \$50,500 from last year's \$3,238,000, for an average bid of \$91,327.22.

Sixteen of the 36 sold for above the average price, with WPCA driver Troy Dorchester receiving the top bid of \$150,000 by Graham Group Ltd.

Thirteen other WPCA drivers were also above the average. Kurt Bensmiller and Jason Glass received \$120,000, Mark Sutherland, Gary Gorst, Evan Salmond and Cody McCurrach \$105,000 each, Vern Nolin, Logan Gorst, Luke Tournier, Obrey Motowylo, Chance Vigen and Doug Irvine \$100,000 each and Kirk Sutherland \$95,000. CPCA drivers B. J. Carey and Ray Mitsuing sold their tarps for \$100,000 each.

Four WPCA drivers, Darcy Flad, Jordie Fike, Layne McGillivray and Dustin Gorst, received \$90,000, the CPCA's Chance Bensmiller and Barry Hodgson \$87,500 each and Jamie Laboucane \$85,000. WPCA's Chad Harden also sold for \$85,000,

while Mitch Sutherland and Ross Knight sold their tarps for \$82,500, while Chad Fike and Roger Moore sold for \$80,000, along with the CPCA's Kris Molle. Cody Risdale and John Walters of the WPCA sold for \$75,000 and \$70,000 respectively. CPCA drivers Todd Baptiste and Dallas Dyck each got \$70,000, Curtis Morin \$68,500, Kris Flanagan \$67,500 and Danny Ringuette \$52,500 for the 10-day show.

Both associations will have five shows leading up to the Rangeland Derby, with four more for the WPCA after Calgary and five for the CPCA. Mark down these dates and plan to be on hand to cheer on your favourites!

WPCA

Grande Prairie - May 29 - June 2
Saskatoon, SK - June 6 - 9
Medicine Hat - June 13 - 16
High River - June 20 - 23
Ponoka Stampede - June 25 - July 1
Strathmore - Aug. 2 - 5
Dawson Creek, BC - Aug. 7 - 11
Rocky Mountain House - Aug. 15 - 19
Century Downs World Finals - Calgary, Aug. 21 - 25

CPCA:

North Battleford, SK - May 31 - June 2
Maskawacis, AB - June 7 - 9
Dewberry, AB - June 14 - 16
Wainwright, AB - June 20 - 23
Bonnyville, AB - June 28 - 30
Little Pine, SK - July 19 - 21
Poundmaker, SK - July 25 - 29
Frog Lake, AB - Aug. 2 - 4
Turtleford, SK - Aug. 9 - 11
Lloydminster AB/SK (finals) Aug. 14 - 18

Volunteers, can you spare a time?

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With the end of March comes the end of the hockey and skating season, and there's one more event to go before the ice goes out for another summer, and one more event that needs some volunteers to help out.

The A. G. Ross Arena folks are still looking for volunteers to sign up for booth shifts during this weekend's Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament, which donates a substantial portion of their profits to the arena. They've donated over \$30,000 over the years.

Have you enjoyed all the free public skating and shinny this year? Does your child enjoy the school skating program? Has your club had access to prime ice times after school and on weekends? Would you like to pay back for the fun they and you have had over the winter months?

Our arena is a great asset to our community, but it is run on the backs of volunteers. Please help support the arena and sign up for a booth shift at the Jim Vinge tournament this weekend.

Friday evening's shift is covered, but slots are available for both Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (three shifts) and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (two shifts).

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